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FULL METAL JACKET: GRANADA HILLS NOW LINKED WITH STOCKTON AS SHOOTING HORRIFIES NATION.

Editor's note: Ten years ago (1989), Patrick Purdy opened fire with an AK-47 and killed a number of kids at a Stockton area school. Now it's happened again, in Granada Hills, a suburb in L.A.'s San Fernando Valley – but thankfully none of the kids at the North Valley Jewish Community Center were killed. Here is our brief update & analysis...

...The manhunt for the alleged shooter is over. 37-year-old Buford O. Furrow of Olympia, WA, who used to live in Kern Co. and has a criminal record, turned himself in to the FBI in Las Vegas. He's now back in L.A. The van owned by Furrow was found with all sorts of ammo, survivalist gear & literature. And there is strong evidence linking Furrow to at least one hate group, thus he could be charged with a hate crime. FYI: the weapon used in the attack which wounded 5 persons was believed to be a 9mm Uzi. Furrow is also charged with killing a postman...

...If you're looking for some common links with other shootings, here's one: In the Stockton, the S.F. 101 & the Granada Hills incidents -- the guns were not purchased in Calif. In fact, Furrow wouldn't have been able to buy or possess a gun in Calif. with his criminal record. Calif. has some of the toughest gun laws in the U.S., but is surrounded by States which have relatively weak gun laws - and that's a problem...

...With the incident, there were more calls for tighter gun control laws. Politically, it puts many GOPers and a handful of Demos in a tough position. But anti-gun groups, such as Handgun Control Inc. (HCI), have to be careful and not go overboard. Still, guns may replace abortion as the key wedge issue in Campaign 2000, according to several Calpeek sources...

...In Calif., at least one Demo wishes this shooting had never happened: State Sen. Joe Baca (D-San Bernardino). Although he's supported some handgun registration bills which have become law, he's generally regarded as a pro-gun Demo and thus could find himself in trouble with Marta Brown in the 42nd CD special election. And there's no doubt that this shooting has caused problems for KSFO Radio talk show host Geoff Metcalf and his efforts to repeal SB 23, Calif.'s new assault weapons law (SB 23 doesn't become law until Jan. 1, 2000)...

...FYI: Although Gov. Gray Davis (D) has already signed SB 23 and a bill to limit handgun sales to 1 per month per buyer, on the day of the shooting Davis said he might sign SB 15 by Sen. Richard Polanco (D). SB 15 began as a bill to ban cheap handguns, but has evolved into a bill that would safety test all handguns – and any gun that wasn't tested or failed to pass would go on the outlawed list published by the DOJ. Our sources insist that Davis has problems with SB 15 and is looking for some changes. Also on the list of bills to watch is AB 200 by Assemblyman Rod Wright. This bill deals with gun shows. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2000: CALIF. INITIATIVE CAMPAIGNS IN MAD SCRAMBLE TO MAKE THE MARCH 2000 BALLOT.

Editor's note: If you believe CA Sec. of State Bill Jones (R), then initiative sponsors who hope to qualify for the March 7th ballot have until Aug. 20th to turn in signatures. But most petition consultants contacted by Calpeek think they can fudge just a bit and wait an extra week. Whatever the case, the crunch is on and the cost is going up – fast. Here's our update...

...There are at least 6 initiatives that insiders are watching carefully – to see if they make the Mar. 7th ballot. They are: 1) School Facilities Bonds. Local Majority

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Vote (*Let's Fix Our Schools*); 2) Repeal Prop. 10 (*Cigarettes Cheaper to Repeal Prop. 10*); 3) *Let the Voters Decide Act of 2000* (reapportionment reform); 4) *Voters Rights 2000* (campaign reform); 5) *Taxpayers for Fair Competition* (contracting out); and 6) *Tribal Govt. Gaming & Economic Self-Sufficiency Measure of 2000* (aka: son of Prop. 5)...

...But it's the constitutional amendment fix to Prop. 5 (item #6) which has stirred the most interest among insiders and for several reasons. Backers of this constitutional amendment just hit the street on Aug. 6th and they're paying \$2 per signature. Arno Political Consultants are the petition managers and they are confident this initiative will qualify – in a 21-28 day period. Supporting the street drive is a plan for another massive mailing effort coordinated by consultant Gene Raper through the offices of Russo Marsh + Rogers. And as a further back up, Prop. 5 tv pitchman Mark Macarro is on tv once again – bashing Las Vegas for forcing a legal challenge to Prop. 5. The ad was produced by Winner/Wagner & Mandabach...

...The \$2 per signature is driving up costs for the other initiatives. For example, *Let's Fix Our Schools* was paying \$.75 per signature and now it's jumped to \$1. And most of the other initiatives also are paying \$1. Arno said he is now building automatic cost bumps into his contracts so clients can better plan their financial needs during the qualification process. Smart...

...Where do the other initiatives stand? All of the spokespersons for the various initiatives say everything is going according to plan and there are no problems. But **Calpeek** has heard rumors that at least one of the measures may be in trouble. Email messages suggest that the *Let the Voters Decide* initiative is in need of help, but other sources say it will qualify...

...FYI: One measure which won't make the ballot is Assemblyman Tom McClintock's plan to phase out the Vehicle License Fee (aka *The Car Tax*). Insiders think that because of Demo legislative staffer Irwin Nowick's behind the scenes attacks on McC's measure, organized labor and elements in the business community saved at least \$9-15 million which would have been needed to defeat McC's initiative. Stay tuned...

42nd CD UPDATE: FIELD OF 10 QUALIFIES FOR SEPT. 21ST SPECIAL. WILDE & CORRY AREN'T RUNNING.

Editor's note: A field of 10 candidates (5 Demos, 3 Republicans, 1 Reform Party and 1 Libertarian Party) have qualified for the Sept. 21st special election to replace the late George Brown(D-Colton). Here's our brief update & analysis...

...On the Demo side, the five candidates are Marta Macias Brown, the late congressman's widow; State Sen. Joe Baca; Fontana Mayor David R. Eshelman; Highland realtor Donald T. Hubner; and Alta Loma resident Bernard McClay. Baca and Mrs. Brown are in the top tier, with Eshelman in the 2nd tier...

...On the GOP side, the three candidates are attorney Elia Pirozzi, who ran in '98 and got creamed by Brown; attorney Rob Guzman, who ran against Brown in '94 and lost by 2,700 votes; and Hal Styles Jr. The Reform Party candidate is Eric "Rick" Simon and the Libertarian candidate is John Ballard...

...GOP candidates who did not run included Upland businessman John Corry and San Bernardino Co. Judge Linda Wilde. When Corry originally decided to run, George Brown was still alive. But with his death the political situation changed. As for Wilde – luck & timing weren't on her side. She is in the midst of a retrial of 4 murder suspects. Had she taken a leave to run, the 4 suspects might have *walked* on a mistrial and that would have ended Wilde's political career...

...Back to Eshelman. He told **Calpeek** he was prepared to be a "team player" if there was no serious challenge to Mrs. Brown. But when Baca refused to back out, Eshelman decided to run. He's hoping to raise a war chest of \$100,000 to \$200,000 and says he will hire professionals to run his campaign. Our sources say that Eshelman should not be taken lightly...

...FYI: Baca's campaign got a major boost when the San Berdu & Riverside Central Labor Council (AFL-CIO) endorsed his candidacy. Stay tuned...

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CAMPAIGN '99: S.F. MAYOR WILLIE ALL SMILES AS AMMIANO & YEE PULL THE PLUG AND WON'T RUN.

Editor's note: A field of 14 candidates is set for the Nov. 2nd S.F. Mayor's contest. Two of the major players, S.F. Co. Supes Leland Yee & Tom Ammiano, decided not to run --- too costly. **Calpeek** also will provide a brief update on the DA's race...

...S.F. Mayor Willie Brown still has lots of critics, but even those *nay sayers* have to admit that Brown got *very lucky* when Ammiano & Yee bowed out. Had they run, key parts of Brown's *political base* might have jumped ship and caused lots of trouble for the mayor, a source told **Calpeek**. Also pulling the plug was former Sup. Angela Alioto...

...With Ammiano & Yee out, that leaves only former Mayor Frank Jordan and former political consultant Clint Reilly as serious rivals. Jordan first ran as a *non-pol* 8 years ago and knocked off Art Agnos. But Jordan the non-pol was a *bumbler* and lightning won't strike twice. As for Reilly, he's already spent nearly **\$1.6 million** trying to build up some credibility & name ID. Sources say there are at least 2-3 polls now in the field testing voter attitudes. We should know something new fairly soon...

...**The DA's contest.** 1st term incumbent Terence Hallinan has 3 challengers: S.F. public defender Matt Gonzales; former Deputy DA Bill Fazio, who was defeated by Hallinan in a runoff 4 years ago --- after they both knocked former DA Arlo Smith out of runoff; and former Deputy DA Steve Castleman, who at one time headed the DA's environmental unit. Castleman is the guy to watch, according to our sources. He's got *deep pockets* (he has pledged to spend at least \$250,000 of his own money). Rich Schlacman is the lead consultant, with Jim Rivaldo and Robert Barnes also part of the team. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2000: CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Editor's note: Here's another update on key Legislative contests for 2000. For the next few issues **Calpeek** will be reporting FPPC contribution filings from the various Legislative primary contests, but we'll only report info from the *Campaign Disclosure Statement Summary Page*. We've discovered lots of *creative PR* by some of the candidates in how they report how much \$\$\$ they've raised...

☒ **Leadership \$\$\$** - Senate & Assembly Demos are leading their GOP counterparts in the race for *Campaign 2000* dollars. Demo Senate Leader John Burton reported raising **\$2,087,407** in the last period (4/1 – 6/30), while Demo Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa raised **\$1.1 million** from 1/1 to 6/30...

...Between two different campaign funds, (*Senate Democratic Leadership Fund & Burton for State Senate 2000*), Burton and his Demo allies have about \$1.25 million **cash on hand**, but it should be noted that Burton made some rather large contributions during this period to 4 Demos: Byron Sher(11th SD) got \$500k and has COH of around \$899,000; Dede Alpert(39th SD) got \$250,000 and has COH of about \$775,000; Betty Karnette(27th SD) got \$300,000 from Burton and has COH of about \$695,000. Assemblyman Mike Machado(D-Manteca) is running for Demo Sen. Pat Johnston's 5th SD and Burton gave him \$100,000. Sources report Machado's COH at just over \$1 million...

...The Demos *Assembly Victory Fund* has amassed a warchest of about **\$2.1 million**, while Villaraigosa's own warchest has COH of \$422,789. In addition, there is more money from funds raised by some of Speaker Villaraigosa's leadership team. Bob Hertzberg raised \$853,896 w/COH of \$715,013. Carole Migden raised \$283,791 w/COH of \$406,695; Fred Keeley raised \$281,803 w/COH of \$257,198; and Kevin Shelley raised \$191,137 w/COH of \$260,307...

...On the GOP side, Senate Leader Ross Johnson has a warchest of about \$224,000, but GOP Caucus Leader Jim Brulte has two different funds with a combined total of \$879,000. In the Assembly, GOP Leader Scott Baugh raised \$228,376 for AR-PAC(Assembly Republican PAC). Former GOP Leader Rod Pacheco had about \$312,000 in the account before Baugh took over as leader – so COH for AR-PAC is about \$530k...

☒ **67th AD** – GOP assembly candidate Dennis Brown has received the endorsement of the CA Motor Car Dealers Assn.; CA Dental Assn.; CA Assn. of Realtors; the Indep. Insurance Agents & Brokers of Orange Co.; and the CA Optometric Assn. Brown's FPPC report shows \$232,728 raised, with \$217,302 COH. Big hunks of money came from Brown friends: State Sen. John Lewis(R) \$40k; State Sen. Ross Johnson(R)

\$75k. Brown's rival, Jim Righeimer, raised \$150,730 (of which \$65k are in personal loans), with COH of \$127,358...

☒ **27th SD** – Sources report that GOP business-woman Noel Irwin-Hentschel has decided NOT to run in the 27th SD – leaving the field clear (for the moment) for Rancho Palos Verdes Councilwoman Marilyn Lyon to challenge Demo Sen. Betty Karnette of Long Beach...

☒ **1st SD** – Insiders are calling this GOP primary between former Assemblyman Bernie Richter of Chico and current GOP Assemblyman Rico Oller (for Sen. Tim Leslie's 1st SD seat) *The Battle of the Cavemen*. Wonder why? Oller has COH of \$713,295 and Richter reports COH of \$836,680...

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few items, political and otherwise, worth noting...

■ **Calif. Credit Rating Up** – CA State Treas. Phil Angelides(D) has announced that Standard & Poor's has upgraded Calif.'s credit rating from A+ to AA-. Moody's rates Calif. at Aa3, while Fitch rates Calif. credit at AA-. Good news for Calif. The State currently has \$14.1 billion in GO and lease revenue debt that are *authorized*, but *unissued*...

■ **Sex In the City** – The city of West Hollywood on a 3-0-2 vote, recently OKed a recommendation to increase condom distribution in the city by *requiring high risk* adult businesses, nightclubs and bars to distribute *condoms* to customers. The original idea, by AIDS Healthcare Foundation, was to force all city restaurants and nightclubs to distribute condoms...

■ **CA 3rd Party Coalition** – Members of the Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, P&F and Reform Parties have formed a coalition called Calif. Third Party Coalition to push for passage of AB 1094 by Assemblyman Bob Hertzberg(D-Van Nuys), which would permit eligible voters to register and vote on the same day. Only one problem: even AB 1094 passes, Gov. Gray Davis may veto the bill...

■ **CRP's Political Director Quits** – The Calif. Republican Party's political director – is no more.

Debbie Rohrbach resigned her job in late July. She's the 4th high level official to quit the CRP since John McGraw became CRP chair. Rohrbach is now running Jane Murphy Shapiro's 41st AD primary...

CALPEEK'S NEW JOBS AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● Joel Maliniak has been promoted to Exec. VP and Creative Director at Goddard Claussen in L.A...

● Dep. AG Cyrus J. Rickards departed the CA DOJ to become head of the FPPC's enforcement division. The FPPC also named Sacto journalist Sigrid Bathan as the agency's media director and Sacto attorney Scott Tocher as director of govt. relations...

● Dr. Robert Hertzka of San Diego is the new president of CALPAC, the Calif. Medical Assn.'s political arm...

● Leslie Winner moves her L.A. based Strategy Workshop to 900 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 702, L.A. 90017. Same ☎ (213)489-3989...

● Catholic Healthcare West – So. Calif. moves to 251 S. Lake Ave., 8th Floor, Pasadena, CA 91101. Same ☎ (626)744-2300...

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